
PAN AMERICAN EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE

MESSAGE

FROM

THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

TRANSMITTING

A REPORT BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE CONCERNING PARTICIPATION BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES IN THE PAN AMERICAN EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE TO BE HELD AT SANTIAGO, CHILE, IN SEPTEMBER, 1925, TOGETHER WITH A LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR OF THE BUREAU OF THE BUDGET

JANUARY 31, 1925.—Read; referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed

To the Congress of the United States:

I transmit herewith a report by the Secretary of State, concerning participation by the Government of the United States in the Pan American Educational Conference which, in pursuance of a resolution of the Fifth International Conference of American States, will be held at Santiago, Chile, in September, 1925. A copy of the proposed agenda of the conference is annexed to the report.

I request of Congress legislation authorizing and providing an appropriation of \$24,230 for the expenses of delegates of the United States, and their clerical and other assistants, to the said conference, in accordance with the budget incorporated in the Secretary of State's report.

The attention of Congress is invited to the interest shown in this conference by educators in the United States as illustrated in the memorandum accompanying the Secretary of State's report.

CALVIN COOLIDGE.

THE WHITE HOUSE,
Washington, January 31, 1925.

THE PRESIDENT:

On August 24, 1924, the Government of Chile addressed to the Government of the United States an invitation to participate by official delegates in the Pan American Educational Conference to be held at Santiago, Chile, in September, 1925.

This conference will take place in pursuance of a resolution adopted by the Fifth International Conference of American States and will be held for the purpose of proposing and considering measures that may contribute to the unification of secondary, special, and higher education in the Western Hemisphere, as set forth in its agenda, a copy of which is inclosed.

The importance of devising suitable and effective means to bring into closer coordination the various agencies which have to do with education throughout the world was recognized by the National Educational Association of the United States at its annual conference held at San Francisco in July, 1923, when it organized the World Federation of Educational Associations, the object of which is "to secure international cooperation in educational enterprises, to foster the dissemination of information concerning education in all its forms among nations and peoples, to cultivate international good will, and to promote the interests of peace throughout the world."

The aim of the Santiago conference will be in the same direction of international cooperation in education and the development, through education, of better understanding, closer acquaintance, and more intimate relations between the American Republics. The objects sought are therefore political as well as educational in their benefits.

I am in hearty sympathy with these objects. The advantages of education as a determining factor in the progress of the American democracies, both in their national and international aspects, and in the promotion of good understanding and peace among them can not be overestimated. Therefore, deeming it in the interest of the public good of the United States that this Government should be suitably represented in the forthcoming Santiago conference, I have the honor to recommend that request be made of Congress for legislation that will provide for an appropriation of \$24,230, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for the traveling and other expenses of delegates, not exceeding 10 in number, to represent the United States in the Pan American Educational Conference to be held in Santiago, Chile, in September, 1925, and for their clerical and other assistants. The amount mentioned is based on a budget as follows:

For transportation and subsistence of 10 delegates and 5 members of the secretarial staff (1 secretary, 2 translators and 2 stenographers) ..	\$14, 880
For salaries of two translators for two months at \$400 per month each ..	1, 600
For salaries of two stenographers (one English-Spanish) for two months at \$250 per month each ..	1, 000
For printing the report of the delegation ..	1, 500
For special and miscellaneous expenses ..	5, 250
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The resolution of the Fifth Pan American Conference, in pursuance of which this conference will be held, contemplates also representation thereat by the universities, academies, research institutions, and scientific educational institutions of each of the American Republics. This information was communicated to State departments of education, educational associations, and higher educational institutions in the United States through the Bureau of Education, and information from the Secretary of the Interior is to the effect that a great many of these organizations have expressed both their interest in and a

desire to be represented at the conference. A copy of a memorandum in this regard, furnished by the Secretary of the Interior, is inclosed for the information of Congress.

A copy of a letter from the Director of the Bureau of the Budget, stating that this request is not in conflict with the financial program of the President is also inclosed.

Respectfully submitted.

CHARLES E. HUGHES.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE,
Washington, January 30, 1925.

TENTATIVE AGENDA

General questions.

- Purpose of education.
- Government's school obligations.
- Revenue for public education.
- International cooperation in education.

SEC. I. Organization and administration.

1. General organization of public instruction; national administrative body; dependent organizations.
2. Correlation of primary and secondary education; of secondary and higher education; relation of technical, industrial, and commercial instruction.
3. Organization of universities; their direction; participation in administration by alumni and students.
4. Basis of faculty distribution; constitution and functions of faculties.
5. University professional schools in relation to the needs of the country.
6. Advanced research work in science.
7. Systematized university extension.

SEC. II. Curricula, methods, and tests.

1. Selection of subjects to be taught.
2. Proportion and coordination of subjects.
3. Intelligence tests and measurements; educational tests and measurements.
4. Establishment of active methods.
5. Number and character of examinations for promotion.

SEC. III. Teaching and administrative staffs.

1. Preparation, selection, and dismissal of members of teaching and administrative staff; fiscalization.
2. Salaries, promotions, stimulus, retirement, methods for betterment.

SEC. IV. Hygiene.

1. Fatigue measurements and tests; amount of school work corresponding to each school age.
2. Ventilation, lighting, and heating of classrooms.
3. Field sports, gymnasiums, games, baths.
4. Sex education.
5. Coeducation.
6. School infirmaries, dental clinics, and medical service.
7. Prevention of alcoholism and social diseases.

SEC. V. School construction, furniture, and supplies.

1. General plan of school construction.
2. Construction of boarding departments.
3. Libraries, laboratories, workshops, museums, charts, exhibits, etc.

SEC. VI. Social relations of the school.

1. Between the school and the home.
2. Control of the living and working conditions of the pupils.
3. Direct relation between the school and society.
4. Use of the school building and material by the public.
5. Improvement of living conditions and of the sources of production as part of the course of study.

MEMORANDUM

Excerpts from replies received by Bureau of Education from educational associations and institutions in the United States to the invitation to be represented at the Pan American Pedagogical Congress to be held at Santiago, Chile, in 1925.

It is my purpose, if at all possible, to attend the Continental Congress at Santiago, Chile, in 1925. (President W. A. Brandenburg, Kansas State Teachers College, Pittsburg, Kans.)

We are very much interested in the development of right relationship with the various Hispanic-American countries. A group of our friends established last year a chair at Occidental College, bearing the name the Norman Bridge chair of Hispanic-American History. It is the duty of the incumbent of this chair, not only to teach the history of Latin America, but to endeavor to give to all of our students a sympathy and intelligence with reference to the people of these countries * * * I shall plan myself, if possible, to attend the Congress and shall hope to take with me Prof. Robert Glass Cleland who is the incumbent of the chair above referred to. (President Remsen D. Bird, Occidental College, Los Angeles, Calif.)

I believe that it will be possible for the association to send a representative at the time named, either through our committee on international relations or some other committee concerned with international problems. (Dr. Aurelia H. Reinhardt, National President, American Association of University Women, Mills College, Calif.)

Unless some unforeseen condition arises, I shall be delighted to be a member of the party from the United States which makes this trip. (President H. G. Bennett, Southeastern State Teachers College, Durant, Okla.)

It will be quite appropriate for you to put down as the representative from Clark University, Dr. Clarence F. Jones, assistant professor of economic geography, who will be traveling in South America next year. His plans are not completely made but I should like to have him attend the congress if it proves to be possible. (President Wallace W. Atwood, Clark University, Worcester, Mass.)

With appreciation of the courtesy, I accept the invitation and shall try to attend. (President M. L. Brittain, Georgia School of Technology, Atlanta, Ga.)

Goucher College will doubtless be able to accept this invitation. I shall let you know more definitely a little later on. We are very much interested in the proposed plan. (President William W. Guth, Goucher College, Baltimore, Md.)

The American Council on Education is pleased to accept this invitation and will make every effort to be properly represented on this occasion. (Dr. C. R. Mann, Director, American Council on Education, 26 Jackson Place, Washington, D. C.)

I wish to thank you for this courtesy and to say that I desire to attend this congress and shall do so if I can possibly make the necessary arrangements. (President E. C. Brooks, North Carolina State College of Agriculture and Engineering, Raleigh, N. C.)

I have learned that Mr. Herbert May, 165 Broadway, Room 1501, New York City, who had a very considerable part in the working out of the city planning program for Pittsburgh, Pa., and who has been interested in the national play and recreation program, will be willing to attend the Continental Pedagogical Congress. (Mr. H. S. Braucher, secretary, Playground and Recreation Association of America, 315 Fourth Avenue, New York City.)

I should be very glad to visit the Pedagogical Congress at Santiago, in the summer of 1925, if I can arrange to do so. (Dr. Ezra Lehman, principal, Cumberland Valley State Normal School, Shippensburg, Pa.)

I expect to accept the invitation of the Chilean Government to attend the Continental Pedagogical Congress to be held in Santiago in the summer of 1925. (Dr. S. P. Capen, chancellor, University of Buffalo, Buffalo, N. Y.)

I beg to inquire whether the vital program of physical education in the schools is to have a place on the program. I am intensely interested in this phase of education and should like to, if desirable, make a contribution to the program. (Carl L. Schrader, State supervisor of physical education, State House, Boston, Mass.) The Pan American Union, Washington, D. C., has replied to this inquiry.

I beg to assure you of our gratification at receiving this invitation. Should it prove to be possible we shall, of course, use every means to be represented. I hope that you will express to the Chilean Government our appreciation (President M. L. Burton, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Mich.).

The university finds it inexpedient to pay the expenses of a delegate to go from California to Chile in the summer of 1925 to attend the Continental Pedagogical Congress. However, certain members of our faculty are from time to time traveling in South America and it is altogether possible that we shall be able to find a delegate within the next 10 or 12 months. Please express to the Chilean Government the best wishes of the University of California for the success of the congress in furthering general recognition of the best standards of education both in the United States of America and in the other American States. (Mr. B. M. Woods, representative in educational relations, University of California, Berkeley, Calif.)

I am warmly interested in the invitation of the Chilean Government * * *. It seems to me that this congress at Santiago will be an affair of great importance to this Western Hemisphere, and New York University would gladly be represented at the meeting if possible. At the present moment it does not seem possible to send a representative, but I should be glad if we might keep the question open for some time to come in the hope that some favorable turn will render it possible for us to send a delegate of our own. Please express in suitable manner our profound appreciation of the invitation of the Chilean Government. (Dr. Elmer Ellsworth Brown, chancellor, New York University, New York City.)

I am confident that the proposed congress will have far reaching results in promoting a good understanding between the nations, as well as advancing the cause of education. If at all possible, this institution will be represented, but I am not able to make definite acceptance at this time. Please convey expressions of our appreciation to the Chilean Government. (President H. F. Estill, Sam Houston State Teachers College, Huntsville, Tex.)

Please convey to Señor Labarca Hubertson the greetings of Northwestern University and a sense of the pleasure of this university in the cordial invitation to be represented at the Continental Pedagogical Congress to be held in Santiago. I sincerely hope that Northwestern University may be represented at this congress but I can not at this time accept unreservedly on behalf of the university. When the faculties of the university complete their dispositions for the summer of 1925, Northwestern University will convey to the University of Chile the name of the delegate to the congress, if such representative is possible. (President Walter D. Scott, Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill.)

I wish it were possible to accept at once the invitation of the Chilean Government, as I spent many years down there, and I should like to go again to see what I could do to help in their interesting congress. I shall let you know some time this spring. (President Ira N. Hollis, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Worcester Mass.)

On behalf of the Association of Urban Universities, may I express, through you, to the Government of Chile the appreciation of the association for the invitation to attend the continental congress in Santiago. Although it is doubtful whether the association can be represented as such, it is hoped that many of the members may send personal representatives. (Dr. Parke R. Kolbe, president Association of Urban Universities, University of Akron, Akron, Ohio.)

I am not able at present to say whether we can participate directly, although we have five alumni now living in Santiago, but the matter will receive our careful consideration. * * * The Chilean people are very hospitable. I have delightful memories of their entertainment of several of us who represented the United States some 14 years ago in other than educational matters. I have an especial interest in this congress as I happen to be an honorary member of the faculty of the University of Chile. (President David Kinley, University of Illinois, Urbana, Ill.)

BUREAU OF THE BUDGET,
Washington, January 23, 1925.

MY DEAR MR. SECRETARY: I have your letter of January 13, 1925, transmitting a copy of a proposed report to the President recommending that the Congress be requested to authorize an appropriation of \$24,230, for the purpose of participation by the United States by official delegates in the Pan American Educational Conference to be held at Santiago, Chile, in September, 1925, in pursuance of a resolution adopted by the Fifth International Conference of American States, and requesting that I indicate whether the action proposed in the report is in harmony with the financial policy of the President.

It gives me pleasure to advise you that the proposed request for legislation authorizing an appropriation of \$24,230 for the purpose stated, is not in conflict with the financial program of the President.

Sincerely yours,

H. M. LORD, *Director.*

The honorable the SECRETARY OF STATE.

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